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SUBJ: STATUS COMPENSATION CLAIMS OF CERTAIN NATO COUNTRIES

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1. FRENCH, BELGIAN, BRITISH, AND CANADIAN AMBASSADORS
DID NOT SEEM PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT COMPENSATION
CLAIMS WHEN AMBASSADOR VISITED THEM.

2. ITALIAN AMBASSADOR GUIDI CONFIRMED THAT ITALIAN LAW
NO. 961 OF DECEMBER 9, QOUUN ALLOWED THE GOVERNMENT TO
MAKE ADVANCE PAYMENTS ON A SLIDING SCALE FROM 10 PER CENT
TO 70 PER CENT ON VALID CLAIMS OF ITALIAN NATIONALS IN
ETHIOPIA: SEVENTY PER CENT ON CLAIMS UP TO 10 MILLION
LIRE; FIFTY PER CENT ON CLAIMS FROM 10 TO 30 MILLION;
TWENTY PER CENT ON CLAIMS FROM 30 TO 50 MILLION; AND 10
PER CENT ON CLAIMS OVER 50 MILLION LIRE. SUCH PAYMENTS
WOULD BE REIMBURSED TO THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT BY THE
CLAIMANTS FROM ANY COMPENSATION ULTIMATELY RECEIVED FROM
ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT. GUIDI SAID HE HAD FORWARDED THE
INDIVIDUAL CLAIMS TO ROME AND THE THE ITALIAN COMMISSION
FORESEEN IN THE LAW HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED TO CONSIDER
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THEM. THE CLAIMS WERE SKETCHY OR POORLY PREPARED AND
INEVITABLY HIGHLY INFLATED. IT WOULD TAKE AT LEAST TWO
YEARS BEFORE ANYONE RECEIVED A CENT. HE DID NOT BELIEVE
THE COMMISSION WOULD BE ABLE TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEM AND
THAT SOME OTHER SOLUTION WOULD HAVE TO BE FOUND.

3. AMBASSADOR GUIDI PROVIDED EMBASSY WITH TEXT OF
ITALIAN LEGISLATION, COPIES OF WHICH ARE BEING FORWARDED
TO DEPT AND EMBASSY ROME.
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